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## **THE SAGA OF NOMI SUNRIDER**

In the time of Ulic Qel-Droma, a Jedi Knight named Andur Sunrider journeys to the galactic frontier to visit the legendary Master Thon. With him are his wife Nomi Sunrider, their young daughter Vima, and their protocol droid A-3DO.

As the little family passes through the Stenness Hyperspace Terminal, a cruel Hutt named Great Bogga learns that Andur is carrying a gift to his new teacher: precious Adegan crystals.

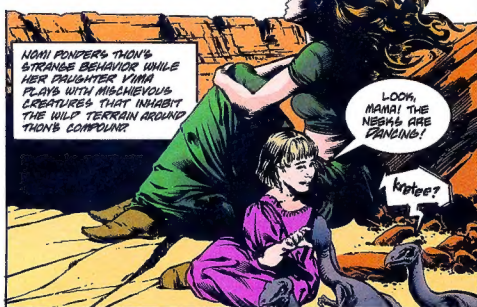
Staging a diversion to distract the Jedi's attention, the Hutt's men attack Andur Sunrider from behind with a poisonous Gorm-worm, and the young Jedi Knight is struck dead.

As her world comes crashing down, Nomi Sunrider must now defend herself and her daughter. Guided by the Force, she picks up her husband's fallen lightsaber and wields it with natural skill, driving off her husband's killers.

With the Force as their ally, Nomi Sunrider and her daughter continue the journey to the bleak desert world of Ambria. There Nomi meets Master Thon: an awesome armor-plated creature of savage countenance...and great wisdom.



**I**N THE MONTHS SINCE NOMI SUNRIDER BECAME THE APPRENTICE OF MASTER THON, THE GREAT JEDI HAS IGNORED HER.



NOMI PONDER'S THON'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR WHILE HER DAUGHTER VIMA PLAYS WITH MISCHIEVOUS CREATURES THAT INHABIT THE WILD TERRAIN AROUND THON'S COMPOUND.

LOOK, MAMA! THE NEKSAS ARE DANCING!

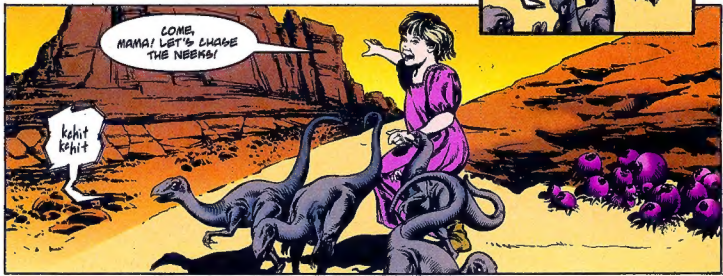
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AS THE CHILD OF TWO JEDI, VIMA IS ALREADY ABLE TO USE THE FORCE TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM THE SHARP TEETH OF THE EXCITABLE LIZARDS.

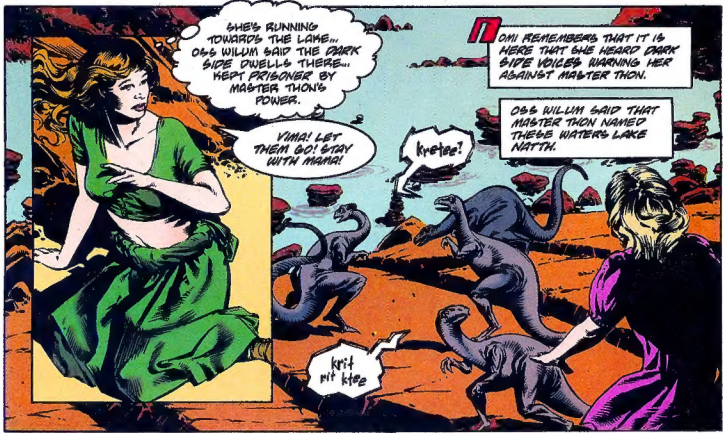
SHOO!

neef!



COME, MAMA! LET'S CHASE THE NEKSAS!

kehik kehik



SHE'S RUNNING TOWARDS THE LAKE... OSS WILLUM SAID THE DARK SIDE DWELLS THERE... KEPT PRISONER BY MASTER THON'S POWER.

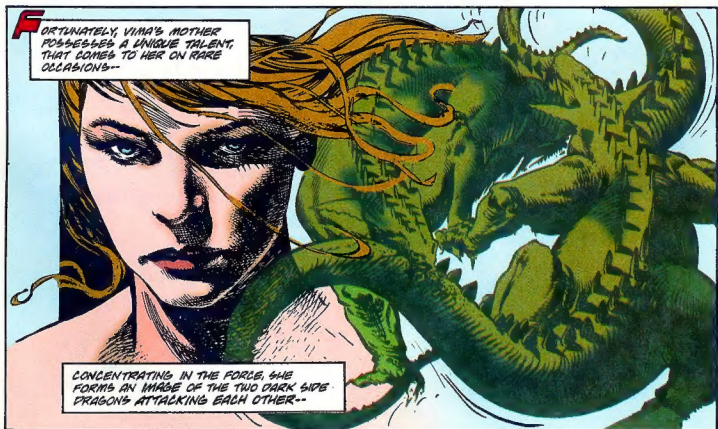
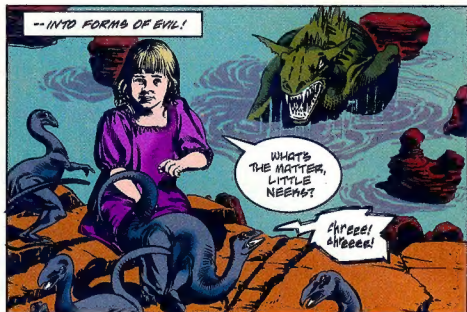
VIMA! LET THEM GO! STAY WITH MAMA!

neksas?

**N**OMI REMEMBERS THAT IT IS HERE THAT SHE HEARD DARK SIDE VOICES WARNING HER AGAINST MASTER THON.

OSS WILLUM SAID THAT MASTER THON NAMED THESE WATERS LAKE NATTH.

krit nit ktee







--A MOMENT LATER  
VIMA BECOMES  
REALITY!

VIMA--  
NEVER GO NEAR  
THIS LAKE!



11 OMI SUNRIDER DOESN'T KNOW  
THAT HER STRANGE ABILITY TO  
INFLUENCE EVENTS AROUND HER  
WILL ONE DAY BECOME HER  
GREATEST STRENGTH: THE POWER  
OF JEDI BATTLE MEDITATION.

WHY DIDN'T  
THAT WORK WHEN  
ANDUR WAS BEING  
MURDERED... I TRIED...  
BUT EVERYTHING  
HAPPENED SO  
FAST...



WHAT AM  
I DOING ON  
THIS SAVAGE  
WORLD?

WHO IS  
THIS BEAST WHO CALLS  
HIMSELF A JEDI MASTER...  
AND CLAIMS TO KEEP  
THE DARK SIDE  
PRISONER?

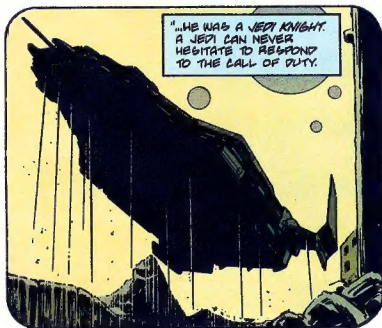
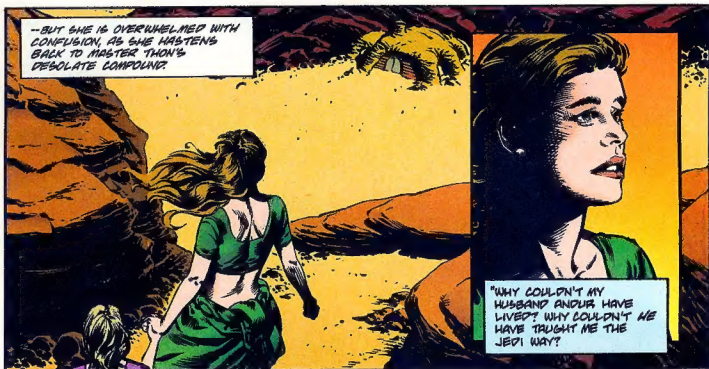
OMI'S SUDDENLY PIERCE  
HER THOUGHTS LIKE  
DARK LIGHTNING--

"WE END WHI BEGIN FOR  
YOU NOMI SUNRIDER."

"WE DEADN WHON WILL  
DETRDY YOU!"

"LIKE YOUR HUSBAND, YOU  
ARE GOING TO DIE."

RECOGNIZING THE POWER OF THE DARK SIDE, NOMI  
RETREATS FROM THE MALEVOLENT WATERS--

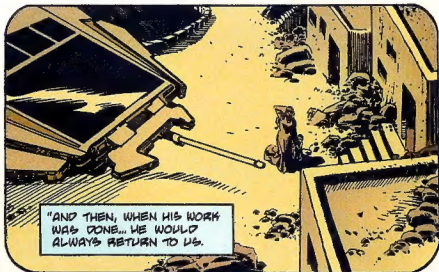






"ANDUR WOULD BE AWAY FOR MONTHS... TRAVELLING TO DISTANT STARS, TO THE ENDS OF THE GALAXY... DOING THE BIDDING OF HIS TEACHER, MASTER CHAMMA.

"EACH TIME HE LEFT I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD NEVER COME BACK. I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD DIE IN BATTLE.



"AND THEN, WHEN HIS WORK WAS DONE... HE WOULD ALWAYS RETURN TO US.



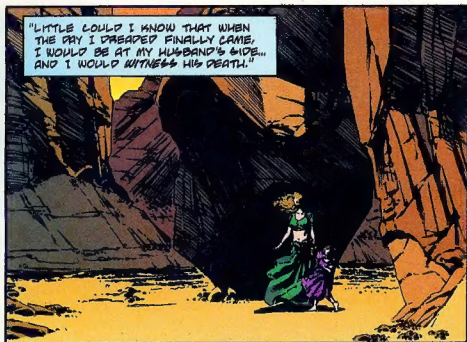
"ALWAYS.



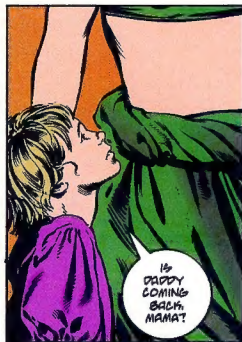
"EACH TIME HE CAME HOME I PUT LONELINESS AWAY, AND FEAR VANISHED.

"NOTHING COULD HAPPEN TO ANDUR AS LONG AS WE WERE TOGETHER.





"LITTLE COULD I KNOW THAT WHEN THE DAY I DREAMED FINALLY CAME, I WOULD BE AT MY HUSBAND'S SIDE... AND I WOULD WITNESS HIS DEATH."



IS DADDY COMING BACK, MAMA?



I WISH... IT WAS TRUE, VIMA.

I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE SEEING HIM AGAIN, MY BABY.

I DON'T THINK HE CAN EVEN HEAR US.



III

AFTER THEN KNOWS THAT PAIN AND SADNESS STILL PIERCE THE HEART OF HIS NEW APPRENTICE...

THAT IS WHY HE HAS LEFT HER ALONE FOR SO MANY MONTHS...

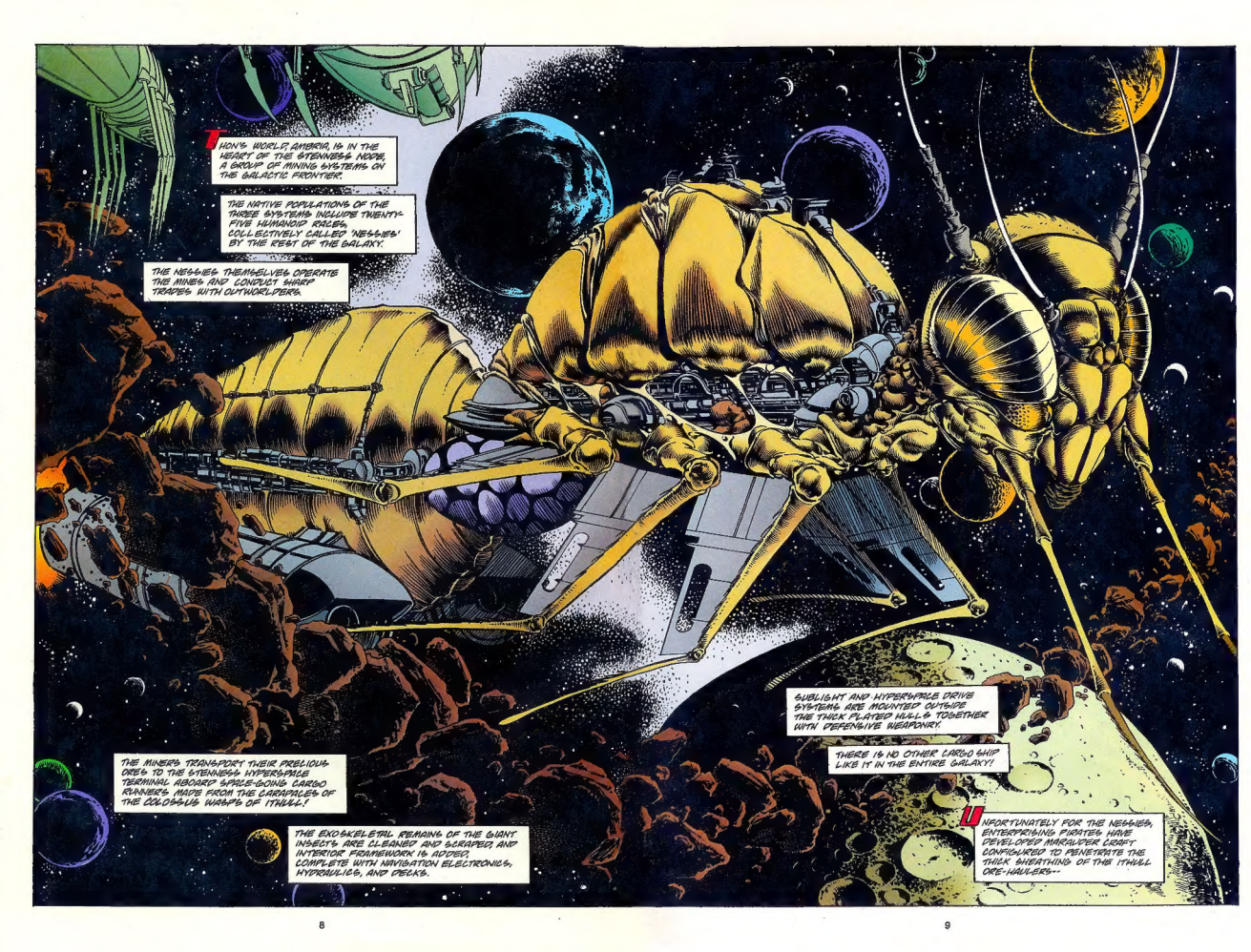
HE ALSO KNOWS THAT GREATER EVENTS ARE TAKING SHAPE, IN OTHER PARTS OF THE GALAXY--

--EVENTS WHICH WILL CALL NOMI SUNRIDER... AND OTHERS... INTO MOMENTOUS STRUGGLES BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS.



MY APPRENTICE WILL BECOME A VERY GREAT JEDI... A JEDI WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEEDS OF BRAVERY, AS LONG AS THE JEDI KNIGHTS SURVIVE.

HER TRAINING MUST BEGIN!



WON'S WORLD, AMERICA, IS IN THE HEART OF THE STENNESS NODE, A GROUP OF MINING SYSTEMS ON THE GALACTIC FRONTIER.

THE NATIVE POPULATIONS OF THE THREE SYSTEMS INCLUDE TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED CREDS, COLLECTIVELY CALLED 'NEE-NEE' BY THE REST OF THE GALAXY.

THE NEE-NEES THEMSELVES OPERATE THE MINES AND CONDUCT MINING TRADES WITH OUTWORKERS.

THE MINERS TRANSPORT THEIR PRECIOUS ORES TO THE STENNESS HYPERSPACE TERMINAL ABOARD SPACE-BOUNG CARDO RUNNERS MADE FROM THE CARAPACES OF THE COLossal WORMS OF ITHELL!

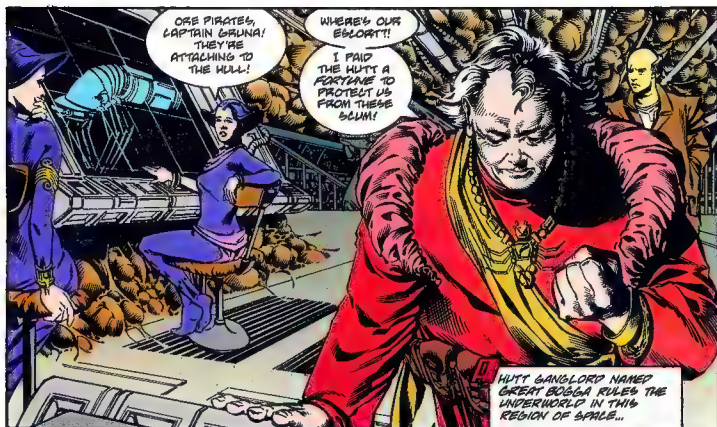
THE EXOSKELETAL REMAINS OF THE GIANT INSECT'S ARE CLEANED AND BLASTED AND INTERIOR FRAMEWORK IS ADDED, COMPLETE WITH NAVIGATION ELECTRONICS, HYDRAULICS, AND PEEKS.

SUBLIGHT AND HYPERSPACE DRIVE SYSTEMS ARE MOUNTED OUTSIDE THE THICK PLATED HULL TOGETHER WITH DEFENSIVE RESPONSE.

THERE IS NO OTHER CARGO SHIP LIKE IT IN THE ENTIRE GALAXY!

UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE NEE-NEE, ENTERPRISING PIRATES HAVE DEVELOPED MANEUVER CRAFT CAPABLE TO PENETRATE THE THICK SHEATHING OF THE ITHELL ORE-HAULERS...



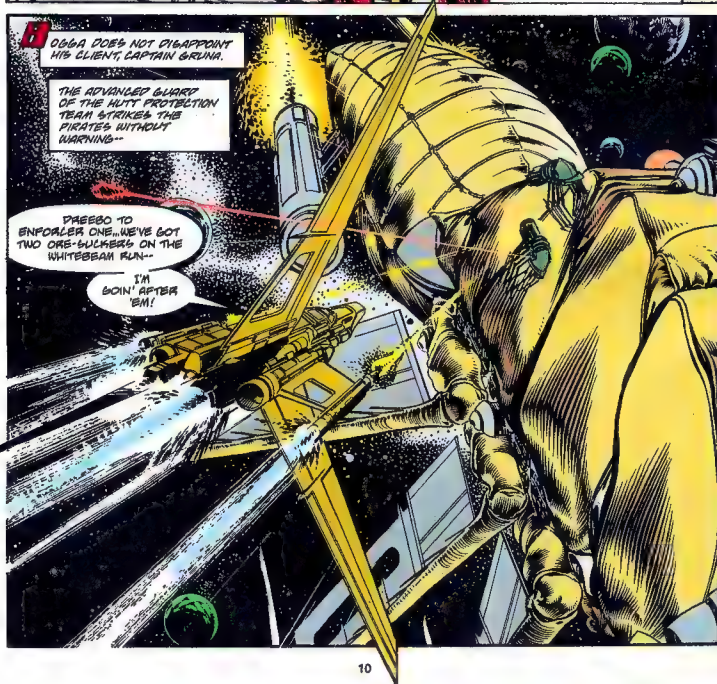


ONE PIRATES,  
CAPTAIN GRUNA!  
THEY'RE  
ATTACHING TO  
THE HULL!

WHERE'S OUR  
ESCORT?!

I PAID  
THE HUTT A  
FORTUNE TO  
PROTECT US  
FROM THESE  
SCUM!

HUTT GANG LORD NAMED  
GREAT BOSSBA RULES THE  
UNDERWORLD IN THIS  
REGION OF SPALE...



BOSSBA DOES NOT DISAPPOINT  
HIS CLIENT, CAPTAIN GRUNA.

THE ADVANCED GUARD  
OF THE HUTT PROTECTION  
TEAM STRIKES THE  
PIRATES WITHOUT  
WARNING--

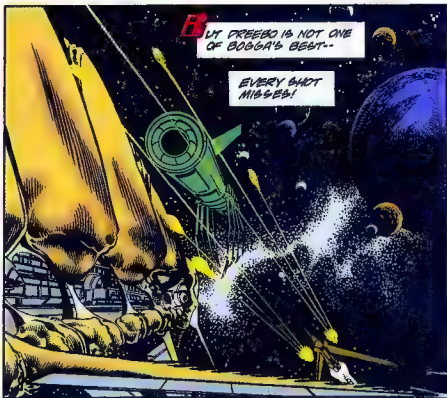
FREEBO TO  
ENFORCER ONE...WE'VE GOT  
TWO ONE-BUCKERS ON THE  
WHITEBAM RUN--

I'M  
GOIN' AFTER  
'EM!



--GUESS  
SOMEBODY HASN'T  
HEARD ABOUT HUTT  
VENGEANCE!

ENFORCER ONE  
TO TACTICAL GUARD--GO GET  
'EM, DREEDO! WE'LL GIVE  
YA BACKUP!



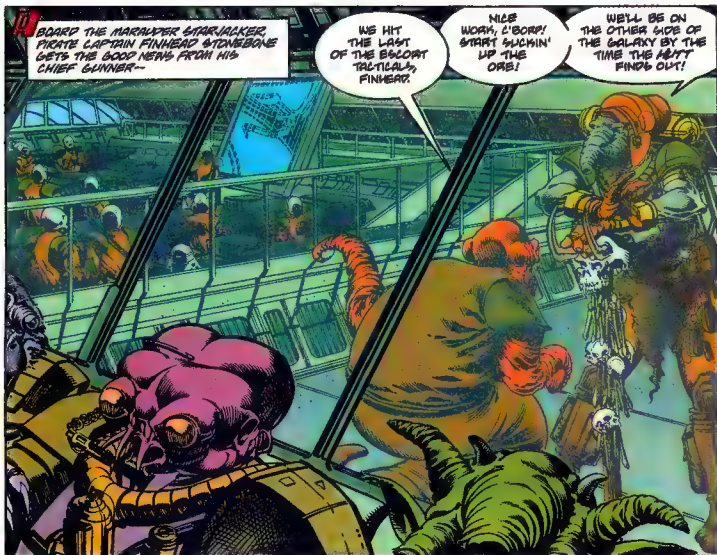
**B**UT DREEDO IS NOT ONE  
OF BOOGA'S BEST--

EVERY SHOT  
MISSES!



--AND THE NEW PIRATE SHIPS  
ARE WELL-EQUIPPED TO DEAL  
WITH HUTT PATROLS!



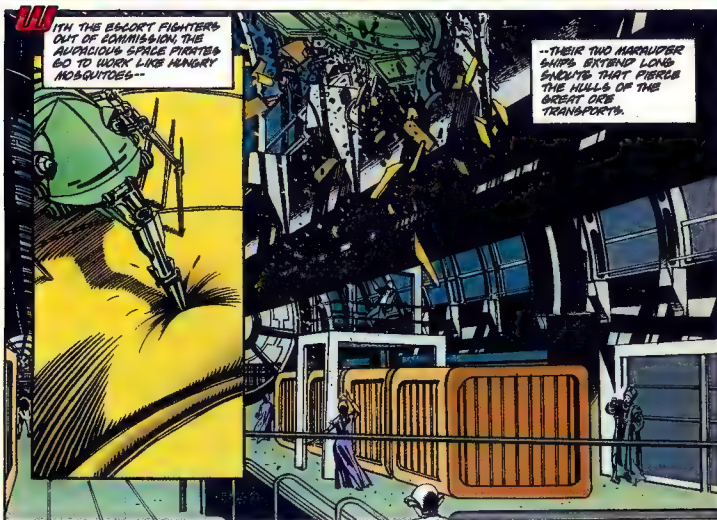


**U**BOARD THE MARAUDER STARJACKER,  
PIRATE CAPTAIN FINHEAD STONEBONE  
GETS THE GOOD NEWS FROM HIS  
CHIEF GUNNER--

WE HIT  
THE LAST  
OF THE ESCORT  
TACTICALS,  
FINHEAD.

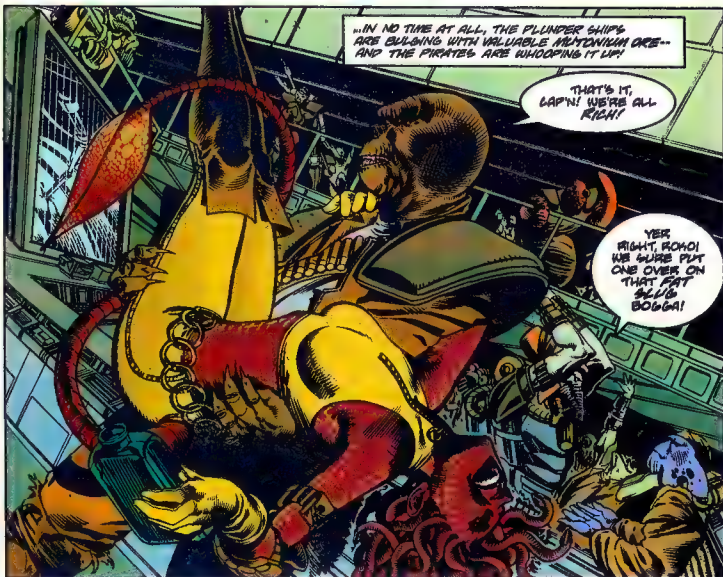
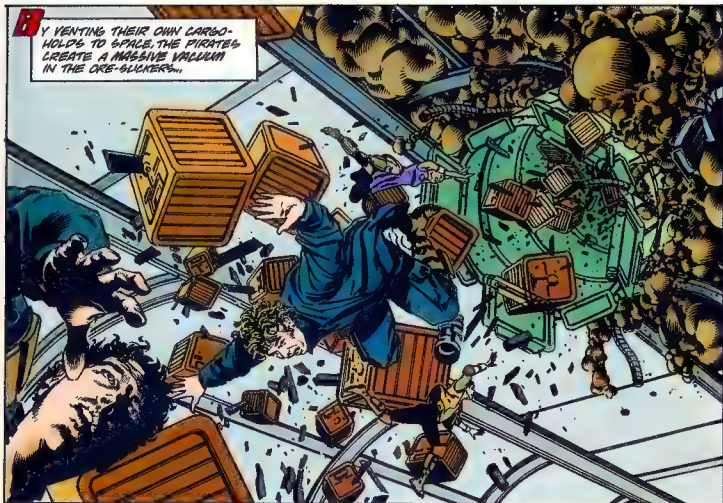
NICE  
WORK, L'BOB!  
START SUCKIN'  
UP THE  
ORE!

WE'LL BE ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF  
THE GALAXY BY THE  
TIME THE ARMY  
FINDS OUT!



**U**ITH THE ESCORT FIGHTERS  
OUT OF COMMISSION, THE  
AUDACIOUS SPACE PIRATES  
GO TO WORK LIKE HUNGRY  
MOSQUITOES--

--THEIR TWO MARAUDER  
SHIPS EXTEND LONG  
SNEAKS THAT PIERCE  
THE HULLS OF THE  
GREAT ORE  
TRANSPORTS.







CAP'N FINHEAD!  
SOMETHIN' BIG'S GOT US IN A  
TRACTOR BEAM!

HEH?

**T**HE CELEBRATION IS PREMATURE.  
GREAT BOSSA DOESN'T RELY ONLY  
ON DISPOSABLE WARRIORS TO  
PROTECT HIS CLIENTS--!

HE KEEPS HIS REAL  
MUSCLE IN RESERVE--  
THE MIGHTY  
DREADNAUGHT,  
ENFORCER ONE.





WITH BOTH MARAUDER CRAFTS SECURE IN ITS HOLD, THE MASSIVE DREADNOUGHT HEADS FOR BOGGA'S PRIVATE MOON, WHICH ORBITS THE PLANET, TABOON--

NLEH  
STATU-- ORDER  
THE THIEVES  
ON DELK!



WHAT'S  
GOIN' ON? I'M  
JUST AN HONEST  
PIRATE TRYIN'  
TO MAKE A  
LIVIN'!



THE ENFORCER CREW IS A RUTHLESS LOT--  
KLAATU, WEEQUAYS, NIKTOS, AND BARADAA.  
THE OBSESSIVE AND UNGAINLY HUTTS HAVE  
LONG FOUND THEIR VIOLENCE USEFUL.

CHA NAKTA!  
YOU'LL ANSWER  
TO BOGGA FOR  
THIS!



GEK NETH  
HUTTA!

TH-THE HUTT?  
WHATCHA TALKIN'  
ABOUT?

AIN'T  
NO HUTTS  
IN THIS  
SYSTEM!



NUDD TCHAA!  
WRONG WATHEAD--GABAT  
BOGGA IS CRIME BOSS OF  
THE STENNESS  
WORLD--

--AND HE'S  
GOING TO BE  
REALLY PLEASED  
TO MEET  
YOU!





MEANWHILE  
ON  
AMBRIA--

GUD'S  
BLASTER DID  
A NASTY BIT OF  
WORK ON YOU,  
THREEDEE.

TOOK ME  
MONTHS TO GET THE  
PARTS TO FIX YOU  
RIGHT!

BECAUSE HE  
WANTED TO TEST  
HIMSELF.

ARKANIA  
IS A DARK SIDE  
WORLD...

OH  
WILUM, WHY  
DID MASTER THON  
CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE,  
IN THIS BLEAK  
LAND?

...AND  
ONCE THON  
DROVE THE DARK SIDE  
ENERGIES BACK INTO THE  
WILDERNESS, HE DECIDED  
TO STAY!

HOW...HOW  
LONG HAVE YOU  
KNOWN MASTER  
THON?

IS HE...  
REALLY AS  
WISE AS THEY  
SAY HE  
IS?

HE  
FRIGHTENS  
ME.

BEEN WITH HIM FIVE  
YEARS.

'TAUGHT ME  
THE LIGHTSWORD AND THE  
FORCE... GAVE ME INNER  
STRENGTH.

PLEASE WATCH  
WHAT YOU'RE DOING, MASTER  
WILUM!

YOU ARE  
MILLIMETERS  
AWAY FROM MY  
MOST DELICATE  
SERVOS!



THON'S THE BEST JEDI MASTER I'VE EVER MET.

Heeemmm.  
FRIED DENSITY-EMITTER.



OH DEAR...  
THAT'S FATAL,  
ISN'T IT?

YOU'LL  
BE OKAY--I CAN  
BYPASS THE EMITTER  
AND LINK DIRECTLY  
TO THE SECONDARY  
INTEGRATOR.



I HAVE TO WARN YOU, NOMI...  
THON CAN BE SCARY  
SOMETIMES...

WELL, AT  
LEAST YOU'LL  
BE HERE...

WE'LL  
PUSH YOU  
TO YOUR  
LIMITS.

IF  
THINGS GET  
DIFFICULT, I'LL  
HAVE SOMEBODY  
TO TALK TO.

OH--DIDN'T  
YOU KNOW? I'M GOING  
AWAY!



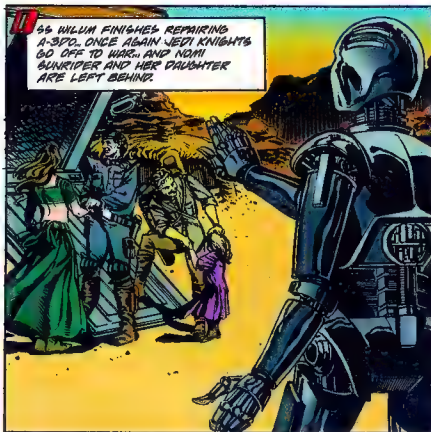
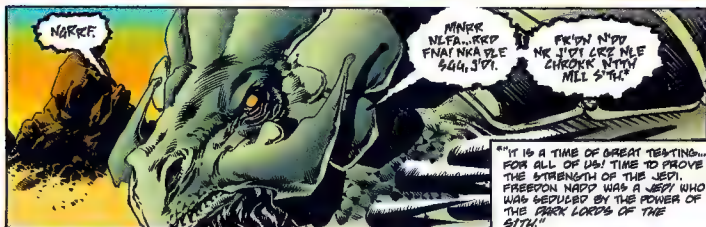
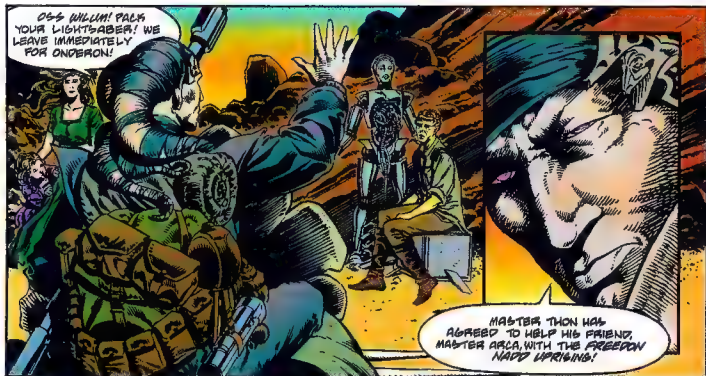
"THAT'S WHY THE TWI'LEK'S WERE  
MEETING WITH MASTER THON..."

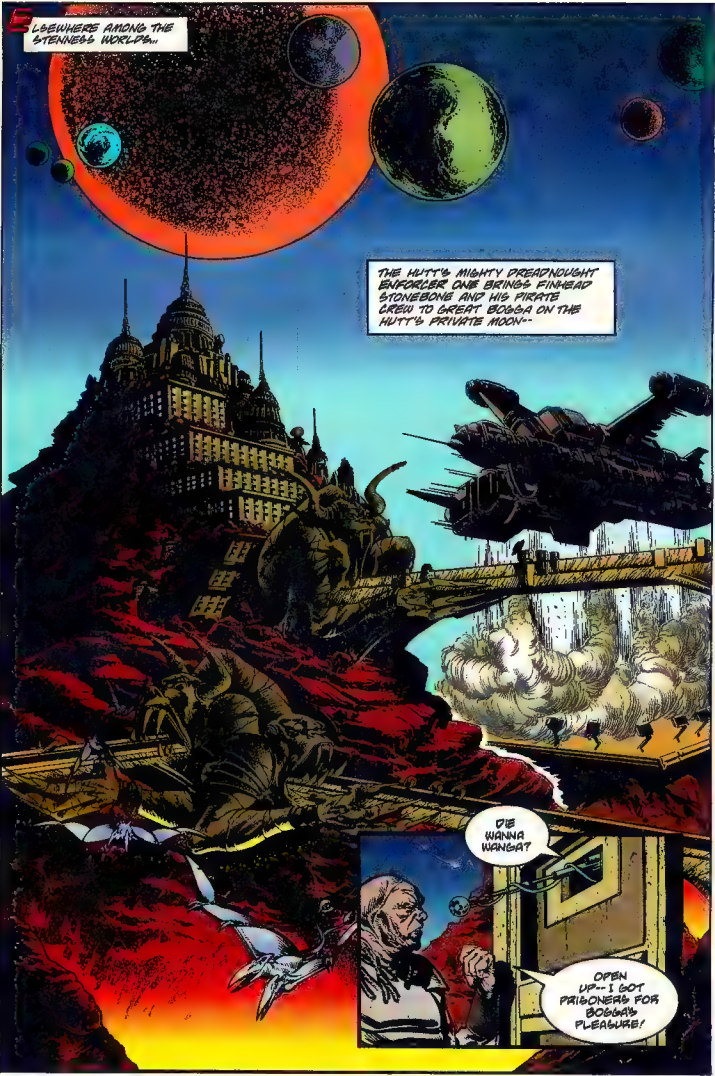
"THERE'S A BATTLE WITH THE  
DARK SIDE GOING ON...ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE GALAXY."

"IF THON APPROVES, I'LL BE  
FIGHTING NEXT TO MASTER ARCA  
AND HIS APPRENTICES..."

"ULIL GEL-DROMA AND HIS  
BROTHER CAY...AND THE TWI'LEK'S  
JEDI, TOTT DOWEETA!"







**E** LSEWHERE AMONG THE  
STENNESS WORLDS...

THE HUTT'S MIGHTY PREADNOUGHT  
ENFORCER ONE BRINGS FINHEAD  
STONEBONE AND HIS PIRATE  
CREW TO GREAT BOGGA ON THE  
HUTT'S PRIVATE MOON--

O'E  
WANNA  
WANNA?

OPEN  
UP-- I GOT  
PRISONERS FOR  
BOGGA'S  
PLEASURE!



LIKE MUTT LAIRS ALL OVER THE GALAXY, BOGGA'S FORTRESS ATTRACTS RIFF-RAFF AND BOTTOM FEEDERS, THE HUMAN AND ALIEN DREGS OF GALACTIC CIVILIZATION!

ENSCONCED ON HIS THRONE, GREAT BOGGA, WHO ORDERED THE DEATH OF ANDUR SUNRIDER, IS PETTING HIS DARK SIDE FAMILIAR AND ADMONISHING HIS LACKIES.

KHA OH BADDH!  
YOU PROMISED TO BRING  
ME THOSE ADEGAN  
CRYSTALS...

WHERE  
ARE THEY?

I'M VERY  
DISAPPOINTED IN  
YOU, BUDD!

S-SORRY, BOSS. I'M STILL  
WORKIN' ON IT.

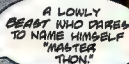
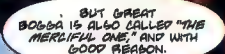
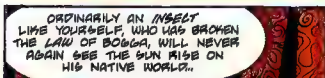
WE'LL GET 'EM FOR YA, I  
GUARANTEE IT.

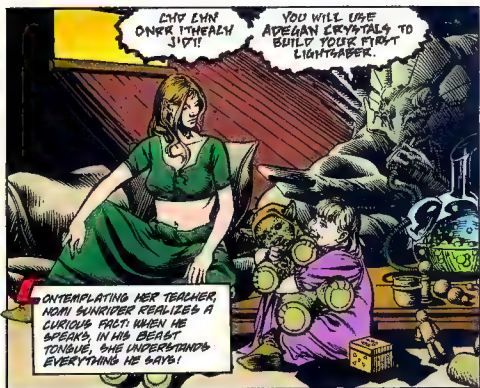
WELL--SEE  
THAT YOU DO. I'D HATE TO  
LOSE YOU TO KYRISS.

NOTICE HOW  
SHE ALWAYS SEEMS TO  
PROOF WHEN YOU'RE  
AROUND?









WHO CAN  
OWN IT HEALY  
JID!!

YOU WILL USE  
ADEGAN CRYSTALS TO  
BUILD YOUR FIRST  
LIGHTSABER.

CONTEMPLATING HER TEACHER,  
NOMI SUNRIDER REALIZES A  
CURIOUS FACT: WHEN HE  
SPEAKS, IN HIS BEAST  
TONGUE, SHE UNDERSTANDS  
EVERYTHING HE SAYS!



I KNOW I MUST  
TAKE UP THE LIFE OF A JEDI... I  
WILL DO IT.

BUT I WILL  
NEVER TOUCH A LIGHTSABER  
AGAIN.

A LIGHTSABER WILL  
ONLY MAKE ME REMEMBER MY  
HUSBAND'S DEATH...

...AND THE TERRIBLE  
VENGEANCE I BROUGHT UPON  
THOSE WHO MURDERED HIM.



THAT WAS NOT  
VENGEANCE. THAT WAS  
SELF-DEFENSE. THAT  
WAS JUSTICE.

YOU HAVE  
ALREADY SHOWN GREAT  
NATURAL SKILL WITH THE  
LIGHTSABER.



YOU YOURSELF, MASTER THON, DO  
NOT CARRY A LIGHTSABER.

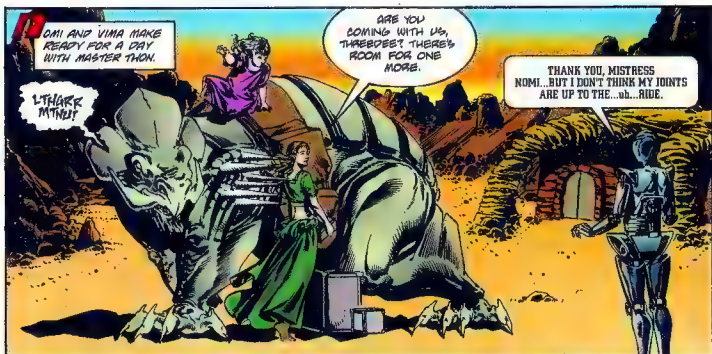
...AS LONG  
AS I DO NOT  
HAVE TO USE  
A LIGHTSABER  
I WILL ACCEPT  
YOUR  
TRAINING.



WE WILL SEE. I  
THINK IT IS LIKELY THAT  
THE LIGHTSABER IS  
YOUR DESTINY.

...LOVE, BATHER  
SOME FOOD AND WE WILL  
GO TO THE HILLS. I WILL  
SHOW YOU MY BEAUTIFUL  
WORLD.

BRING  
YOUR DAUGHTER.  
SHE TOO IS MY  
APPRENTICE!



1 DMI AND VIMA MAKE  
READY FOR A DAY  
WITH MASTER THON.

LTHARK  
MTHUT!

ARE YOU  
COMING WITH US,  
THREDEE? THERE'S  
ROOM FOR ONE  
MORE.

THANK YOU, MISTRESS  
NOMI... BUT I DON'T THINK MY JOINTS  
ARE UP TO THE...uh...RIDE.



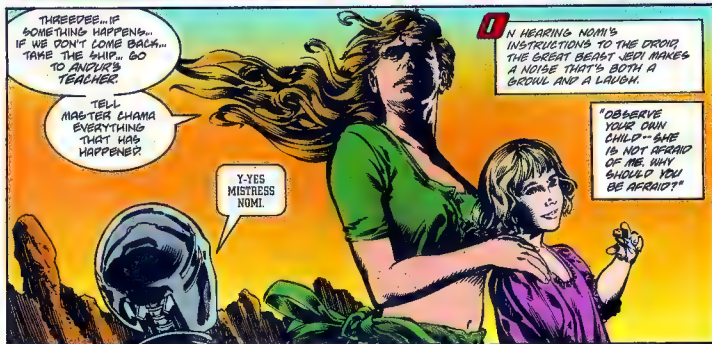
I HAVE PLENTY  
OF WORK TO DO  
HERE...THE  
HATCHWAY OF  
THE LIGHTSIDE  
EXPLORER  
NEEDS FIXING.



ALL  
RIGHT.

MASTER,  
WE ARE  
READY.

NARRTH!



THREDEE...IF  
SOMETHING HAPPENS...  
IF WE DON'T COME BACK...  
TAKE THE SHIP... GO  
TO ANZUR'S  
TEACHER.

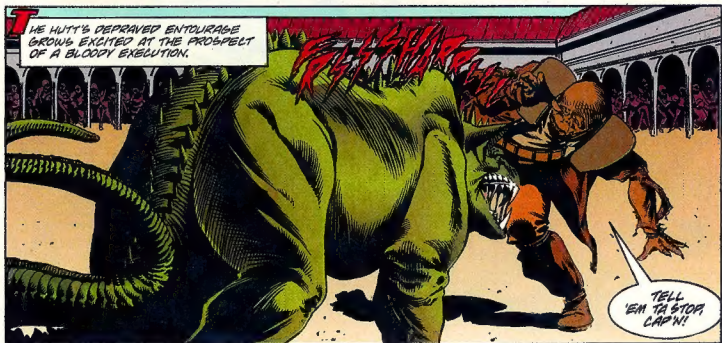
TELL  
MASTER CHAMA  
EVERYTHING  
THAT HAS  
HAPPENED.

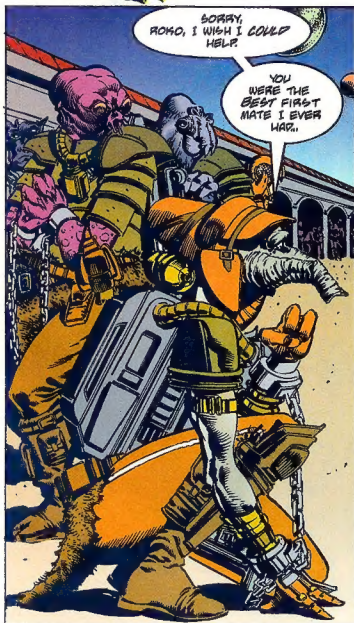
Y-YES  
MISTRESS  
NOMI.

1 N HEARING NOMI'S  
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DROID,  
THE GREAT BEAST JEDI MAKES  
A NOISE THAT'S BOTH A  
GROWL AND A LAUGH.

"OBSERVE  
YOUR OWN  
CHILD--SHE  
IS NOT AFRAID  
OF ME. WHY  
SHOULD YOU  
BE AFRAID?"









# JEDI JOURNALS

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## PLUG OF THE MONTH:

Dear Dark Horsers:

I want to commend you and thank you for all of your marvelous *Star Wars* comics! You have proven to be one of the all-time champions of *Star Wars* collectibles.

I happened into a comics shop back in December of 1991 and found *Dark Empire* #1. I hadn't read any comic since Marvel's *Star Wars* series ended in 1986, and as you can imagine, I was in for a big surprise! The comics industry has come a long way in the last 6 years. The stories are more mature, the artwork is more professional, and the physical printing process and paper used are of infinitely better quality. I certainly mean no disrespect to those earlier writers, artists, and technicians many of whom are still active in the business. Simply put, evolution has been very kind to the comic-book universe.

Ever since the original *Dark Empire*, I have become addicted to Dark Horse's *Star Wars* line. I am now a regular customer of all the local comic-book shops. So far my collection is complete, except for the *Dark Empire* gold editions and one of the *Insiders*.

I am enclosing a complimentary copy of the latest issue of my newsletter, *The Star Wars Collector*. Read about yourselves in the feature article!

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*Thanks for the newsletter and the kind words Martin, we really do appreciate them! For those of you who, like me, are curious about the value of your cherished Star Wars trinkets, and just how much you should be paying for that IG-88 action figure, the Internetted Mr. Thurn delivers the latest info on new products and old, making his newsletter a great resource. Published six times a year, the annual subscription is a measly six bucks. Highly recommended!*

Dear Jedi Journals:

A story circulating on the Internet news *Star Wars* Group dealt with a George Lucas-sanctioned *Star Wars* universe timeline that gives some details on the Lords of the Sith. The one I remember most is that there are supposed to be twelve, and that Darth Vader was the twelfth Dark Lord.

Is there some significance to the fact that on the cover of *Tales of the Jedi* #1 behind Ulic there are ten lightsabers, and that Ulic's makes eleven? There was recently a discussion about the nature of the Sith on Internet, and I seem to be the only one that picked up on this detail, or at least said anything about it.

As for the series in general, you guys are good. Very, very good. My only criticism of #2 was the premise of Cay replacing his own arm as he did. Realistically, I think he would have been incapacitated for longer than he was, let alone up to performing the necessary surgery to fashion a prosthesis from a droid. If

Onderon had not yet made galactic contact, beyond the arrival of the Jedi and Freedon Nadd, what would a droid of standard galactic issue be doing on a "primitive planet"? One possible solution might be that Nadd brought with him technology that had previously been unknown to Onderon. I guess I've explained my own question.

Beyond my one nit-picky criticism, I love the work. All of it. I am so intrigued by this series, and the history of the Jedi, that I've considered trying my hand at the fan-fiction game. I'll let you know how it goes, and in the meantime, keep it up!

One last question: I missed *Dark Horse Comics* #s 8 & 9, and the *Dark Horse Insider* with the *TOTJ* previews. I've looked in my local comic shops to no avail. Any chance of getting them directly from you?

Arik Hesseldahl  
Eugene, OR

*The Caidroid arm scene has been bandied about quite a bit, leading me to the same conclusion the scene was written to: Cay is a Jedi, albeit a novice, and can control his body through the Force, which accounts for his suppression of pain and negligible blood loss from such a wound. The Jedi are strong at this time, and it isn't unlikely that a novice Jedi could accomplish this with a skilled master tutoring him. Luke's only tutoring was his brief encounter with Ben and the visit to Dagobah—a young Jedi with a year or two of such training would be very skilled, don't you think? And yes, while Onderon was only recently discovered by the Republic, the people of Izix are likely to have traded with the explorers, and perhaps a standard issue droid or two found its way into the city by way of the explorers (or Freedon Nadd).*

Dear Dan:

I love the *Tales of the Jedi* series and look forward to reading more of them.



In every issue I read the fan mail to get more information about upcoming *Star Wars* comics. In "Jedi Journals" from TOTJ #1, readers refer to black & white preview copies of this series, and I wanted to know how I could get one. I know the store I go to doesn't carry them.

Zach Banker  
(address not provided)

*The preview copies you're looking for are simply photocopies of the first issue of a series, Zach, and are not available at any comics shop. I make the copies myself, and send them to anyone who happened to have sent in a funny, insightful, or attention-grabbing letter on a previous series (Dark Empire in this case). This year, I happened to have a few copies on hand at the big San Diego convention, and banded a few out to the Star Wars fans I met at the Dark Horse booth. I hope this clears up some of the confusion, as many fans seem to think that a preview copy is some special collectors' edition sent to a privileged inner circle of fans. It's just a photocopy, and I send them to people in hopes that they will write back in time for the first issue's lettercol. Really!*

Dear Dan:

I am an avid *Star Wars* fan and have been so for many years. Recently, my girlfriend found something that, in my opinion, is an amazing thing: a comic book. This comic book was *Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi* #1. I quickly bought the comic, and thought it was great. The artistry and story were outstanding. Even the printing seems to be of higher quality, much better than any others I have seen. I was very surprised—not at the quality of the work, but at the fact that *Star Wars* comics were still being produced.

I don't know of many other people that are happier than I am to see that *Star Wars* is back. Now, I've heard of a series previous to TOTJ called *Star Wars: Dark Empire*, but cannot find a shop that has it or is planning to get it. Is there any way I can order them from Dark Horse?

Paul Lemaire  
Newmarket, Canada

*You bet! Call (800) 862-0052 between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time, and the marvelous Michael Cox will be glad to*

*take your order. Do be aware that we only sell series that are still in print. You can readily acquire a copy of the Dark Empire softcover collection from us, but not the original series itself, or any "special editions" thereof, as they have been out of print for some time.*

Dear Jedi Masters of Dark Horse:

I just finished reading *Tales of the Jedi* #2, and all I can say is WOW! What a story! The art was incredible, the characters well rounded, and there was no shortage of surprises. My only regret is that there will be only three more issues. Is there a chance you will continue this series past the planned five comics?

I loved the way Master Arca firmly yet caringly chastises Ulic near the end. Plus, he foreshadows Ulic's future by hoping that he will not fall to the dark side. Cay is my favorite character, and I hope he will eventually get a better replacement arm. I can't wait to read the next issue, so keep up the great work!

Aaron M. Stubbs  
(address not provided)

Dear Dan:

I am sufficiently moved to write a letter concerning the second issue of *Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi*. Until this issue, I had yet to encounter such a shining example of the power of the comic-book medium. Because I am an aspiring science-fiction writer, I am aware of what really good science fiction can, and should, inspire in its audience. As I was reading this issue with my ever-extended antennae, I suddenly became aware of the level at which your fiction had suspended my disbelief. The history of Onderon was complete, its evolution was well thought-out, and its inhabitants weren't comprised of stereotypical bad guys, good guys, and creatures. Even more exciting was the imagery I was forming. Calling on my memories of the artful film trilogy and using each comic frame, I was delighted to watch a brand-new, pulse-pounding adventure unfold in my mind's eye. The Boma beast's drooling mouth and leathery skin, the Wave Gunner's and Beast Lord's attire, and Arca's ship are a few perfect examples of the *Star Wars* milieu.

Dave Dorman's beautiful cover art promised quality entertainment inside. The whole creative team of *Tales of the Jedi* delivered flawlessly. When I think

of my most valuable comic books now, I must consider more than just their monetary value.

Glenn A. Snow  
Lynn, MA

*Oh, stop it! You're making us blush, Glenn!*

Dear Dark Horse:

As a long-time fan of anything and everything that is *Star Wars*, it came as a welcome surprise to learn that the adventure had been re-established in a monthly magazine. I would never have even known save for a relative that collects comics. She handed me the last three issues of *Classic Star Wars*, and ever since then I have been hitting the local comic-book dealers to find more. I've also acquired the first several issues of *Dark Empire*. The artwork is fantastic! It puts to shame the earlier attempts at doing a monthly comics series based on George Lucas' characters.

As I read more carefully through issue eight of *Classic*, I noticed that you also publish a free monthly guide called *The Dark Horse Insider* listing upcoming Dark Horse releases. I have yet to come across a shop that carries it, and wonder if I can get it from you? If possible, could I impose upon you to dig up numbers fifteen through twenty-one so I can read up on *Tales of the Jedi*? I just picked up the first issue and am completely hooked!

Steven Preston  
Columbus, NE

*Many readers have been asking for those issues of the Insider, and the three issues of Dark Horse Comics containing the Nomi Sunrider story. Unfortunately, the aforementioned issues sold out instantly, and are virtually unavailable even as back issues. Fortunately, those stories were reprinted in these very pages because so many disappointed fans missed their first appearance! The twelve-page serial from the Insider is essentially the first twelve pages of TOTJ, with color and slight script revisions. The Dark Horse Comics story was reprinted last issue, re-colored and with a slightly revised script as well. I hope this sets your mind at ease, Steven, because you haven't missed a thing!*

—Dan Thorland

**NEXT ISSUE: THE AWAKENING OF A WOMAN WARRIOR!**